

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 3, 2004 (Paper No. 22). Claims 1, 2, 5 to 8, 11 to 15, 18, and 19 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 7, 13, and 14 are the independent claims.

Claims 1, 2, 5 to 8, 11 to 15, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0015167 (Watanabe) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,559,934 (Ogura et al.). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns an apparatus having a plurality of display areas. Overflow character data which cannot be displayed in a particular display area is moved to a storage. An arbitrary position in an arbitrary display area is specified for displaying of the overflow character data. The stored the overflow character data is then moved out of the storage and rearranged for display at the arbitrary position in the arbitrary display area.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a character processing apparatus which includes first storage means for storing a plurality of character data in association with a plurality of display areas, each for displaying respective character data arrangement means for arranging each of the character data stored in the first storage means in a respective one of the plurality of display areas, and display means for displaying each of the character data which can be arranged in the respective display area by the arrangement means, wherein overflow character data which cannot be arranged in the respective display area by the arrangement means is not displayed by the display means. The apparatus further includes selection means for selecting the display area in which overflow character data is present, moving means for moving the overflow character data which cannot be displayed in the display area selected by the selection means to second storage means for storing overflow

character data from the first storage means, specifying means for specifying an arbitrary position in an arbitrary one of the plurality of display areas, and rearrangement means for rearranging the overflow character data stored in the second storage means at the arbitrary position in the arbitrary display area specified by the specifying means.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 and in particular neither discloses nor suggests moving overflow character data which cannot be displayed in a display area to a storage, specifying an arbitrary position in an arbitrary one of a plurality of display areas, and rearranging the overflow character data stored in the storage at the specified arbitrary position in the arbitrary display area. In contrast, Watanabe discloses that, if a character string's length exceeds a threshold value, the characters in the string whose position exceeds the threshold value are deleted (Fig.17(e)). Therefore, Watanabe discloses that characters in an excess portion of a character string are deleted making them no longer available for display in an arbitrary display area.

Ogura discloses that, if a character string's length exceeds the horizontal length of a printing area, any overflow characters are transmitted to an overflow memory area and a user is notified of the overflow by an overflow mark indicating that characters on the right side of the overflow mark are not printed. A user may choose to enter a linefeed at the mark and display the characters on the right side of the mark in a new line. (Col.14; lines 1 to 18 and lines 35 to 46.) As the characters to the left and the right of the overflow area are always displayed on the display, both before and after user intervention, Ogura merely discloses rearranging characters in a single display area. This is not the same operation performed by the Applicant's apparatus as claimed in Claim 1. Specifically, Applicant's claimed invention allows selection of a display

area having overflow character data, moving the overflow character data out of the display area's storage and into a second storage, and then rearranging the moved overflow character data for display at an arbitrarily specified position in an arbitrarily specified display area.

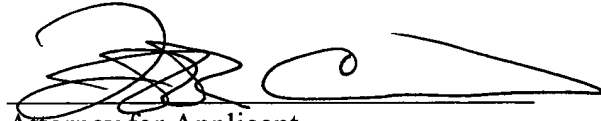
Therefore, even when Watanabe and Ogura are combined, the combination does not disclose the present invention as claimed in Claim 1. Specifically, Watanabe discloses deletion of excess characters and Ogura discloses redisplay of characters to the right of an overflow mark within the original display area. As such, Watanabe and Ogura combined cannot suggest Applicant's claimed invention having a moving means for moving the overflow character data which cannot be displayed in a display area selected by a selection means to a second storage means for storing overflow character data from a first storage means, specifying means for specifying an arbitrary position in an arbitrary one of the plurality of display areas, and rearrangement means for rearranging the overflow character data stored in the second storage means at the arbitrary position in the arbitrary display area specified by the specifying means.

In view of the foregoing deficiencies of the applied art, amended independent Claims 1, 7, 13 and 14, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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